CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Internet Chat Log
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500856.001
Medium:	Computer Text File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	23 December 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	23 December 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The file is a record of online messages between an adult man and a teenage boy (he is said to be 16). The conversation between the participants describes, often explicitly, sexual conduct with younger boys, as young as 10, and about luring boys into providing photos of themselves.

The publication promotes the idea that sexual conduct between men and young boys is appropriate, and it legitimises sexually predatory behaviour. The classification of objectionable is a reasonable limitation on freedom of expression, given the purpose of s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), which is to protect children and young persons from sexual exploitation. It is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.